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SUBJECT: TALK WITH KING HUSSEIN -- MY RETURN FOR CONSULTATION

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1. REFTEL B ARRIVED SHORTLY AFTER PALACE ARRANGED FOR ME EARLIER REQUESTED APPOINTMENT WITH KING HUSSEIN. AFTER PASSING ON TO KING PRESIDENT'S AND SECRETARY'S MESSAGES ON BIRTH OF HIS NEW SON, I TOLD HIM I WAS BEING CALLED BACK NEXT WEEK FOR CONSULTATIONS. I MADE POINTS FOR HIM IN APPROPRIATE PARAGRAPHS REFTEL A AS INSTRUCTED.

2. KING REPLIED HE HAD NO REAL THOUGHTS TO OFFER AT THE MOMENT ON UNSC RESOLUTION. HE SAID, HOWEVER, HE WAS PLEASED I WAS RETURNING AND WOULD BE MOST INTERESTED IN KNOWING IN MORE DETAIL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WHAT WE PLANNED TO DO. HE SAID THE KEY WILL BE WHAT THE PLO WILL PRESS FOR THROUGH THE SYRIANS AND OTHERS AND HOW THEY CAN BE MODERATED. HE TOOL NOTE OF MY POINT THAT WE SAW SERIOUS DANGERS OF STAGNATION AND STALEMATE IF A RESOLUTION AT UNSC IS PUSHED BEYOND 242 AND 338. HE TOLD ME THIS WILL BE KEY QUESTION AND SAID HE IS NOT REALLY SURE WHETHER SYRIANS AND OTHERS WILL BE SATISFIED WITH SIMPLE REITERATION OF SUPPORT FOR PRESENT RESOLUTIONS. SECRET

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3. LATER IN OUR CONVERSATION WE RETURNED TO THE SUBJECT AND HE REPEATED A POINT WHICH RIFAI HAD MADE TO ATHERTON-- THAT SECURITY COUNCIL MAY WELL BE ABLE TO PREPARE THE GROUND FOR GENEVA AND THEREBY SERVE SOME USEFUL PURPOSE OF CONTINUING MOMENTUM THIS YEAR.

4. I MADE ARRANGEMENTS TO CALL ON KING LATER THIS WEEK AND PRIOR TO MY DEPARTURE FOR WASHINGTON. PICKERING

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